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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 5 and ending at line 13, with the following paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/317,832, entitled NOVEL DEATH ASSOCIATED PROTEINS, AND THAP1 AND PAR4 PATHWAYS IN APOPTOSIS CONTROL, filed December 10, 2002, which is a nonprovisional application of and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/341,997. entitled NOVEL DEATH ASSOCIATED PROTEINS, AND THAP1 AND PAR4 PATHWAYS IN APOPTOSIS CONTROL, filed December 18, 2001. The disclosure of each of the above-listed priority applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application is also a nonprovisional application of and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/432,699, entitled THAP PROTEINS AS NUCLEAR RECEPTORS FOR CHEMOKINES AND ROLES IN TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION, CELL PROLIFERATION AND CELL DIFFERENTIATION, filed December 10, 2002. --